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Wm Lloyd Garrison

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My dear friend

Thy two letters in reference to George Thompson's contemplated visit to our city were duly received, and I have conferred with several friends in relation thereto. Among them Lucretia Mott, Edward M Davis, Abraham Barker, J M McKim, & father. We all unite in the suggestion made by thee to have him invited by the Union League if possible, and if not by prominent citizens, rather outside of the abolition circle. Whenever the time can be named for the lecture, we or any of us, will arange it in one way or the other. The former would be preferable & has already been presented to the Union League. We will give all our influence to have a grand reception, for truly it is merited.

For myself I will say - after they vote as to our mind requiring all the means that can be procured - any effort that I can make in his behalf, shall be made as promptly and as fully as though it were for our Institute. I know of no cause that demands more of me & my occasion more worthy of every exertion.

George Thompson is entitled to an ovation of the grandest character. Our largest hall, our best

audience and closest attention should be his.
The hint of thy coming with him startles the warmest heartfelt enthusiasm. It would be capital! We will all rejoice! While I do not want to be selfish allow me to present our hospitalities to you. I cannot expect the pleasure all to ourselves, but will be most happy to have you with us part of the time & all if you can, while in our city or vicinity.
I should recommend the latter part of this mo. or early next, for the evenings are growing short for lectures.
I cordially thank thee for the kind compliments to my dear wife & parents. They are happy to have afforded thee & thy affectionate family any pleasure & hope to have the opportunity again afforded.
Many rejoicings over the improved health of thy estimable wife whose presence with us was a "well spring of pleasure." Give her & all thine our cordial sympathy & love
Thy remarks in reference to the re-nomination of Abraham Lincoln are directly to the point. and meet with my hearty approval. A late informal vote at a Union League Meeting to be held present gave him 5 to 1 votes. Our Custom House, W^m D. Thomas as leader, has been until lately, favoring Chase. It is now all for Lincoln.
I regard the Chase feeling nothing more than